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FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1869

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SHELBY COUNTY.

The following named gentlemen, composing the Executive Committee of the Democratic party in Shelby county, are requested to meet at the office of the undersigned, in the Lee Block, Union street, at 12 o'clock on Friday the 23d inst, for consultation: JESSE W. PAGE JR., ROBERT GOODE, A. SKESEL, A. WOODWARD, W. S. BRUCE, PAUL C. CALLA. Members of the press are invited to attend.

WM. RICHARDSON HUNT,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

SPRING COURT DOCKET.

According to promise, we publish on our first page to-day the docket of Memphis cases to be tried during the April term of the Supreme Court, which meets in Brownsville on the 27th inst.

THE CROP PROSPECTS.

All accounts agree that the South starts this year with greater advantages than it has possessed since the days of 1861, and that with anything like reasonable weather, crop returns will be looked for that will place our section of the country upon a sound and enduring basis. And this, too, in face of the fact that, despite the urgings of the press and the entreaties of experienced agriculturists to the contrary, a greater breadth of land will be put in cotton than last year was the case. In our own State, wheat and corn have been largely planted, and are doing very well. The fruit, also, which was injured a little by the frosts of a week ago, the heavy rains that have prevailed have retarded cotton planting, but the determination of farmers, with their well-managed labor, will, we hope, overcome this unpropitious obstacle. Nothing but a continuance of the bad weather of the past few days can prevent an unexampled success in raising cotton in Tennessee. In a few weeks we expect that heavy shipments of vegetables will be made North, and a permanent start be given to a trade that is enriching the country in the neighborhood of Charleston, S. C., and Norfolk, Va. In Kentucky, the laborer, we understand, is somewhat disorganized, occasioning no little annoyance and trouble to the thrifty farmers of that prosperous State. A fair wheat and corn prospect is good, and preparations for tobacco are quite up to the yield of last year. In Louisiana, cane planting has been completed, and planters anticipate a profitable yield. Corn is up considerably, and looks better than usual at this season. There is a larger quantity of ground devoted to corn this year than last, owing to the very general cultivation by the negroes, who, during the winter, suffered for the want of it. A consequence of this will be that Louisiana will not have to commit the loss of selling her staple productions for bread. Would that so sensible an example had been generally followed, notwithstanding the tempting price at which cotton is now, and was being sold. The planters of Louisiana have not entirely neglected the cotton crop, but the planting of good land has been planted, which, so far, has had no drawbacks to contend with. The only thing in the way of unusual success in that State, or the adjoining one of Mississippi, is the probable want of labor to harvest all that has been put in the ground. In the latter the cotton yield will be equal to that of last year, notwithstanding the backwardness of the season. Had that it was as early as at one time it promised, it would have been fully one-fourth more. From Texas the accounts are quite favorable. The crop of cotton promises to be one-half more than last year. Planting is prosecuted with great energy, and farmers are very hopeful. If the weather has been encouraging. In Georgia the number of acres planted in cotton will exceed that of last year by one half, and planters are outwitting closely with the aid of sub-soil plows and fertilizers. It is expected that the yield will be large. Fruit is doing pretty well. The unusual cold weather in Florida has injured the fruit crop, but cotton, which has been largely planted, is safe. In South and North Carolina, the planters were never before so active. In both these States there will be a large increase in the number of acres planted last year. Accounts from them are very encouraging. The small farm system is to be tried with the Carolinians this year. The immigrants who have settled in South Carolina are specially to test their ability and prove the advantages to accrue to the people of the State from it. In Virginia the progress of the farming population is among the healthful signs of the times. The farmers are making extensive preparations, and will make the most of their opportunities for large and profitable crops. From Alabama crop accounts are very encouraging, and we regret to say that planters are preparing for a larger cotton crop, especially in the Southern portion, than last year, and this, too, very much to the neglect of corn. Of Arkansas, the same may be said. Planters are very anxious for cotton, and the yield of the staple in that State, weather and weevil permitting, will be fully one-fourth larger than last year. In some portions of the State, we hear of heavy corn crops as doing well. Taken altogether, we think the crop prospect, so far, very encouraging.

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